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AMENDMENT

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2005, sent in connection with the above-captioned application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for a two (2) month extension of time, and associated fee, which extends the time for response to the Office Action to and through September 1, 2005.

Please note that the undersigned has changed law firms and has Power of Attorney in the present application by virtue of a Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorney ("the Revocation") document filed in the Patent Office on August 15, 2005. A courtesy copy of the Revocation is included herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

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